

THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMISSION OF PITTSBURGH

THE Educational Fund Commission of Pittsburgh, to which was intrusted one quarter of a million dollars some five years ago, for the betterment of teachers and teaching in the public schools, has now made the awards for this year, making a total of about four hundred and seventy-five that this commission has sent out for study during the past four years. The chairman of the commission, Dr. John A. Brashear, writes:

I think I can readily say that ninety-five per cent. of these teachers have brought back value received to our public schools in the way of efficiency. We do not ask these teachers to work hard, preferring that they take a very small number of studies and enjoy a part of their time in rest, recreation and recuperation. Nor do we lay great stress on the purely intellectual side of their work, preferring that they bring back to us efficiency in the way of improving home life, social, moral and physical betterment. This they have not only done in the past, but through the splendid influence of their associations have distributed the good they have received in their summer studies among their fellow teachers in our great school system.

I am also pleased to report that the deans of the various summer schools have received our Pittsburgh teachers with very great kindness, indeed, to such an extent that perhaps fifty per cent. of them return the following year to study upon their own initiative and pay their own summer tuition and expenses.

I wish I could give you the name of the donor, but notwithstanding the great work done for the public schools of Pittsburgh, he insists that his name remain anonymous.

The summer schools for which scholarships were given, and number of teachers to be sent to each school by the Educational Fund Commission is as follows:

Harvard University	16
Columbia University	15
Chautauqua	14
University of Pittsburgh	16
Carnegie Institute of Technology	13
University of Wisconsin	11
Cornell University	14
University of Michigan	7

University of Chicago	4
University of Colorado	2
University of Pennsylvania	3
Cape May School	5
Pennsylvania State College	5
Dartmouth	3
Zanerian College	3
Syracuse University	2
Northwestern University	1
New York University	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Boothbay Harbor	1
Art Institute, Chicago	1
Vineland Training School	1

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THE ROCHESTER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE forty-eighth annual meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held in Rochester, New York, September 9 to 13, inclusive. A meeting of the council will be held on Monday night, September 8, at the Hotel Seneca, immediately following the complimentary dinner to be given to the council at seven o'clock.

The program will open with a general meeting on Tuesday at 10 A.M., in the assembly hall at Kodak Park. The members of the society are to be the guests of the Eastman Kodak Company at luncheon following the morning meeting, and the afternoon will be spent in visiting the immense plant of the Eastman Kodak Company at Kodak Park.

A smoker will be held at 8:30 P.M., Tuesday, in Masonic Hall. The divisional meetings on Wednesday, all day, and Thursday and Friday mornings, will be held in the Eastman building, University of Rochester. The president's address will be given at the East High School, Rochester, at 8 P.M., Wednesday; and the subscription banquet, Thursday night at 7 P.M., at Powers Hotel.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, excursions will be open to the following manufacturing plants:

Bausch and Lomb Optical Co.,
Taylor Instrument Co.,
Curtice Bros. Co.
J. Hungerford Smith Co.,

Moerlback Brewery,
German-American Button Co.,
Genessee Reduction Co.,
Municipal Incinerator,
Stecker Lithographic Co.,
and possibly others.

The following are the addresses of the divisional and sectional secretaries:

Industrial Division—S. H. Salisbury, Jr., Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.

Physical and Inorganic—R. C. Wells, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Fertilizer—J. E. Breckenridge, Carteret, N. J.

Agricultural and Food—G. F. Mason, care of Heinz Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Organic—Wm. J. Hale, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Pharmaceutical—Frank R. Eldred, 3325 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Rubber—Dorris Whipple, care of The Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Co., Bayonne, N. J.

Biological—I. K. Phelps, Bureau of Mines, 40th and Butler Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. JOSEPH SWAIN, president of Swarthmore College, was elected president of the National Educational Association at its recent Salt Lake City meeting. Dr. Robert J. Aley, president of the University of Maine, was elected president of the National Council of Education.

THE fourteenth series of the Lane medical lectures will be given by Professor Sir Edward Schäfer, professor of physiology, University of Edinburgh. These lectures will be upon "The Functions of the Ductless Glands especially in relation to other Secreting Organs." They will be delivered on the evenings of September 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9, in the Lane Hall of the Stanford University Medical Department, San Francisco.

THE Berlin Academy of Science has awarded its gold Leibnitz medal to Professor Georg Schweinfurth for his explorations and researches in Africa.

PROFESSOR RUDOLF STURM, the distinguished mathematician of the University of Breslau, has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his doctorate.

MR. WILLIAM STANLEY, of Great Barrington, Mass., electrical inventor and engineer, has received the Edison gold medal awarded by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers for meritorious achievement in electricity.

THE Michigan Agricultural College has conferred the degree of doctor of science upon Mr. William A. Taylor, chief of the bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture.

DR. ERWIN F. SMITH, plant pathologist, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been awarded a certificate of merit by the American Medical Association. This was consequent upon an exhibit made by Dr. Smith at the recent annual meeting of association at Minneapolis illustrative of the results of his researches upon cancer in plants. On June 28 Dr. Smith delivered an address upon this subject at the University of Wisconsin under the auspices of the Department of Plant Pathology.

DEAN W. F. M. Goss, of the engineering college, University of Illinois, has been granted leave of absence for one year beginning July 1, 1913, to enable him to serve as chief engineer to the Chicago Association of Commerce committee on the investigation of smoke abatement and the electrification of railway terminals.

DR. J. S. FLETT, F.R.S., assistant director, Geological Survey of Great Britain; Dr. A. Lacroix, professor of mineralogy, Natural History Museum, Paris, and Professor E. Weinschenk, Munich, have been elected life honorary members of the Geological Society of South Africa.

THE alumni of Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, at the last commencement adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Charles J. Smith has continuously filled the chair of mathematics in this college for a period of forty-three years and is about to relinquish the duties of an active professor, and

WHEREAS: The alumni thereof duly appreciate his long and honorable career as such professor and the personal benefits they have derived from his instruction,